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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. QUESTIONS ABOUT FOLLOW UP SURVEYS (FIRST SENT IN LAST DIGEST)

We have received a number of inquiries in the last several weeks concerning Fourth Cycle MSIP requirements for follow up surveys conducted with graduates. The Specific Standard, 8.1.2 reads: "The district conducts surveys of students during the year of graduation to gather information regarding their school experience and during the second year following graduation, regarding how well the district has prepared their students for work or postsecondary education". Further comment received from the MSIP Section: "A survey completed at the graduation exit interview will meet the intent of this standard for the first survey." If you have further questions regarding follow up surveys, please contact the MSIP Section at DESE at 573-751-4426.

B. AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHER

A. FOR STUDENTS: High School students in their sophomore, junior or senior year, during the 2006-2007 school year, are invited to enter the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This contest, for Missouri students, is sponsored by the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR) and is open to students attending public, parochial, private or accredited home schools in Missouri.

The **Missouri winner will receive a \$500** cash prize and be entered in the national contest. The national contest will award \$2500 for 1st Place, \$1000 for 2nd Place and \$500 for 3rd Place.

The contestant must submit an original essay in English with 800 to 1000 words. The topic for the essay must be an event, topic, person, philosophy or idea associated with the American Revolution, The Declaration of Independence or the Framing of the United States Constitution.

The essay will be judged for historical accuracy, clarity of thought, organization, proven topic, grammar, spelling and documentation.

See the following web page for complete details and rules: http://www.sar.org/youth/knightrules.html

Entries must be submitted to Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution NLT 31 31 December 2006.

Missouri contestants should contact Will Carr, ccqps@classicnet.net, or phone 417-724-0447 for submission instructions.

B. TEACHER RECOGNITION

Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution--M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award

The M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award recognizes a teacher in a Missouri elementary, middle, junior or high school, public or private, who by his or her action in the classroom "perpetuates the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people".

Superintendents, Principals and others should nominate deserving teachers with the following format:

Nominee Name: Address: Phone Number:

School: Phone Number:

Why this teacher should be recognized with this award: (200 words max)

Biographical summary of the nominee (required):

Completed nominations should be mailed to David N. Appleby, P. O. Box 158, Ozark, MO 65721 to arrive NLT the close of business January 27, 2007.

The winning teacher will be a guest of the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution in April 2006 and receive a beautiful award. For additional information; Will Carr, ccqps@classicnet.net / 417-724-0447

C. INFORMATION ABOUT PROJECT LEAD THE WAY- Time for registration almost over!!!!!!

A workshop will be held on Thursday October 26, from 9-3 concerning Project Lead The Way.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 5: Cost: \$30 per participant (Students are free)

Cost Covers: Materials, Continental breakfast, breaks, lunch buffet

For More Information/Registration: Diane Hagni--Center for Pre-College Programs, 211B ERL

University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, MO 65409-0420 Phone: (573) 341-4228, FAX: (573) 341-4174, Email: hagnid@umr.edu

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

[INDIVIDUAL PLANNING]

A. IMPORTANT DATES FROM MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (DHE):

October 17 - Mapping Your Future Chat Event: General financial aid, student loan, and money management questions

November 3 – registration deadline for December 9 ACT

November 7 – registration deadline for December 2 SAT

For more information pertaining to postsecondary education from DHE, please go to: http://www.dhe.mo.gov/

B. FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Missouri Education and Training Voucher Program offers funds to foster youth and former foster youth to enable them to attend colleges, universities, and vocational training institutions. Students may receive up to \$5000 a year as they pursue higher education. The funds may be used for tuition, books, fees or qualified living expenses. There is no deadline to apply; however, funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligibility:

- Youth must have been in foster care at 16 years of age and older, and in foster care 12 out of the previous 36 months.
- Youth may have been adopted out of foster care, with adoption finalization after their 16th birthday.
- Program participants must be ages 17-21; however, funding may continue until their 23rd birthday if they receive funds before the age of 21.

For more information on this important program including an online application, visit www.statevoucher.org and click on Missouri.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

No cost workshop available. A one-day workshop designed to introduce school administrators, counselors, social workers and nurses to the unique aspects of disaster mental health in a school setting. The workshop will include information on disaster response, the potential reactions in children of different age groups, attention to children with special needs and intervention strategies to help children and adults cope. Attendees are encouraged to bring a multi-disciplinary team to represent their schools and to bring their crisis response plan with them.

SITES: 1. on October 19, 2006 at Saint Louis University in Busch Student Center, Room 173, 20 North Grand Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63103

<u>2. on October 18, 2006</u> at Southeast Missouri State University, Regional Professional Development Center, Show-Me Center, South Meeting Room, 1333 N. Sprigg St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

If interested or for further information , contact Jenny Wiley, Assistant Coordinator of Disaster Readiness,

Department of Mental Health, PO Box 687, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: 573.751.4730; E-mail: jenny.wiley@dmh.mo.gov

{SYSTEM SUPPORT

A. NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE, PLEASE PASS TO THOSE INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

The Missouri Technology Student Association (TSA) Today Newsletter "Fall Issue" is available

at: http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/TechEd/TSA/tsa_today_newsletter_fall-06.pdf. The TSA Today Newsletter is news for all Missouri TSA members to inform you of the latest activities and information concerning TSA. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0 you will need to update your Acrobat Reader using the information about pdf at http://www.dese.state.mo.us/pdfnote.html. If you or someone you know would like to receive the TSA Today Newsletter, just email www.dese.state.mo.gov and request to be added to the list. Please provide your name, school name, phone number, and email address(s) with your response.

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CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE AT TAN TAR A NOV 5-7, 2006

WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOV 4. For a conference preview go to

 $\underline{\underline{\text{http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConfPrev\%200728.pdf}}\ .\ \ To\ download\ a\ registration\ form,\ go\ to:$

http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2006%20Registration%20Form.pdf

B. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE, NOV 12-14, 2006 AT TAN TAR A. For current information go to:

http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html

C. 2006 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH

EXPO, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006 at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia. For information and registration

information, go to http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm